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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) Sree Lakshmi Saw Mills, Kasargode, South Malabar, was closed on 12th July 1954. A notice was put up by the management on 10th July 1954 stating that the factory would be closed for annual overhaul and re-opened in October 1954. The management re-opened the factory on 8th September 1954.

" (b) No, Sir."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know why the management has not given the lay-off compensation to the workers according to the Industrial Disputes (Amendment) Act of 1953? May I know also whether the Government have received any report from the Conciliation Officer regarding this matter and if so, what action they have taken in this regard? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" It was the contention of the management that the Industrial Disputes (Amendment) Act of 1953 would not apply to that factory. The Labour Officer then made an inquiry into the matter and found that there were only 46 workers working in the factory. According to the Industrial Disputes Act of 1950, the Government found that they could not insist on the payment of lay-off wages to the workers."

Family Planning Centres.

*563 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) the proposals of the Government for giving financial assistance to start Family Planning Centres in the State in the year 1954–55;

(b) the aid given by the Union Government towards the Family Planning Scheme to this State during the year;

(c) the schemes envisaged for the establishment of a number of family planning centres in rural and urban areas in the State; and

(d) the proposal of the Government to make arrangements in Government hospitals to give advice on health and family planning to married couples?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) It is not known what the hon. Member means by clause (a) of the question. If he means Government financial assistance to private organization or institution to start Family Planning Centres, the answer is nil.

" (b) The Union Government have sanctioned a grant-in-aid of Rs. 15,000 to this State for the starting of a research centre for carrying out research into sub-fertility. They have also sanctioned financial assistance to this State, by way of meeting a portion of the recurring and non-recurring expenditure on the maintenance of full-time family planning clinics in eight select institutions in the State.

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" (c) & (d) This Government have already sanctioned the establishment of a Research Centre in the Government Hospital for Women and Children. They have also sanctioned the establishment of eight full-time family planning clinics in the State—Five in the mufassal—one in each of the District Headquarters Hospitals at Madurai, Kozhikode, Coimbatore and Mangalore and one in the Poonamallee Health Unit; and the remaining three in the City of Madras, one in the Kasturba Gandhi Hospital for Women and Children, Triplicane, another in the Government Hospital for Women and Children, Egmore and the third in Rajah Sir Ramaswami Mudaliar's Lying-in-Hospital, Rayapuram.

" Family Planning Centres are intended for giving advice on family planning."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" How do they gauge the success or otherwise of these Family Planning Centres? Do they advise the couples to maintain charts of the success or failure of their efforts? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" A clinic is working only in the Egmore Women's and Children's Hospital. Clinics have not yet been started elsewhere, except in Madras City under the Corporation. Those who use contraceptives are expected to report the results."

SRI K. R. NALLASIVAM :—" மத்திய சர்க்காரின் திட்ட மந்திரி சமீபத்தில் பேசும்போது ஜனத்தொகைப் பெருக்கத்தின் காரணத்தையும், வேலையில்லாத் திண்டாட்டத்தின் காரணத்தையும் சுட்டிக்காட்டி, அதனால் ஐந்தாண்டுத் திட்டம் வெற்றிபெறவில்லை என்பதுபோல் சொன்னார்கள். ஜனத்தொகைப் பிரச்னையைக் கட்டுப்படுத்துவதற்கும் ஒரு ஐந்தாண்டுத் திட்டம் போடுவது பற்றி சென்னை சர்க்கார் மத்திய சர்க்காருக்கு ஏதாவது சிபாரிசு செய்வார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" This family planning work is meant to regulate and control the growth of population. It is also done in the interests of promoting the health and welfare of mothers and children."

SRI P. G. KARUTHIRUMAN :—" May I know who the advisers for these family planning centres are and what the planning period in this respect is? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" This is a scheme that has just been started. It will continue and extend in course of time."

SRI V. MUTHU :—" ஜனத்தொகைப் பெருக்கத்திற்குக் காரணம் ஒவ்வொரு குடும்பத்தினரும் ஆண் குழந்தைகளையே பெறவேண்டுமென்று விருப்பப்படுவதுதான். ஆனால், சில குடும்பங்களில் பெண் குழந்தைகளே ஜாஸ்தியாகப் பிறக்கின்றன. ஒருவேளை அடுத்த குழந்தை ஆணாகப் பிறக்குமோ என்ற நம்பிக்கையில் ஜனங்கள் முயற்சி பண்ணிக்கொண்டேயிருக்கிறார்கள் (சிரிப்பு). இந்த மாதிரி பெண் குழந்தைகளின் எண்ணிக்கை பெருகுவதோடு மட்டுமல்லாமல், நாட்டின் ஜனத்தொகையும் பெருகிக் கொண்டே போகிறது. ஆகவே நாட்டில் ஜனப்பெருக்கத்தைக் கட்டுப்

படுத்துவதன் முதற்படியாக, ஆண் குழந்தைகள் பிறப்பதற்கு ஏதாவது முறையைக் கண்டுபிடிக்க சர்க்கார் ஆலோசனை செய்வார்களா ?" (மீண்டும் சிரிப்பு.)

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The method of sex determination has not yet been discovered."

11-30 a.m., SRI S. PANCHAKSHARAM :—" In addition to opening family planning centres why should not Government think of distributing pamphlets under the authority of the Government to people who are in need of advice on family planning? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Sir, education of the people and propaganda in this connexion are also parts of this plan."

SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY :—" Have special departments been opened in our Government Hospitals for advising people on family planning? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" They have yet to be started. The Government of India have promised financial assistance. This Government have sanctioned the starting of clinics."

Repairs to the Mukkood bridge, Koram amsam, Payyanur Firka.

* 564 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state at what stage the repairing of the Mukkood bridge, in Koram amsam in Payyanur firka, North Malabar, stands now?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" There is no proposal to repair the Mukkood bridge."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Are the Government aware of the fact that people are put to much difficulty on account of the non-repair of the bridge? Therefore will Government be pleased to reconsider the question and take steps to repair and reconstruct the bridge? "

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" Yes, Sir."

Block Advisory Committee for Malabar.

* 565 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) why the Government have not yet reconstituted the Block Development Advisory Committee for Malabar under the National Extension Service Scheme;

(*b*) the functions of the Committee; and

(*c*) on whose recommendations the Government accept the names of the members of the Committee?